

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

Military Information from Jueterbog

LOCATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 18 March 1953 25X1REFERENCES ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 3REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 5 February 1953, the Adolf Hitler Camp near Forst Zinna, north of Jueterbog, quartered 1,800 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. On 3 and 4 February, three guns which were emplaced south of the camp and, covered with tarpaulins, appeared to have been AT guns. At about 11 a.m. on 5 February, about 80 soldiers moved along the railroad line 100 meters southwest of the railroad station, under the coverage of two tanks. About 60 other soldiers practiced in the terrain west of the railroad station. Motor vehicles in traffic from and to the camp 1

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2. On 5 February 1953, Darm Fliegerhorst, south of the town, was occupied by 1,800 to 2,000 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 4 February, about 10 soldiers practiced aiming with a 57-mm AT gun in the terrain south of the fence that surrounds the airfield; trucks each mounting 8 soldiers and towing a 76-mm field gun moved out of the billeting area toward Rohrbeck; 6 to 8 soldiers pulled a 120-mm mortar in the terrain south of the fence; and about 40 soldiers received infantry training and practiced firing. Motor vehicles were in traffic from and to the billeting area. 2

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3. A new komendatura was observed in a villa on Friedrich Ebert Strasse from 3 to 5 February 1953. 3

4. On 23 February, the Altes Lager was occupied by about 1,200 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. At about 10 a.m., about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, a military band, 3 majors, 5 captains and about 20 lieutenants marched into the camp, coming from Neues Lager. The troops were unarmed. Six trucks, each with 20 soldiers, left the camp toward Treuenbritzen. 4

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5. On 23 February, the Neues Lager south of the road to Treuenbritzen quartered 1,200 to 1,500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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Troops drilled with and without weapons at platoon level. At about 11 a.m., about 240 soldiers carrying carbines and submachine guns left the camp toward Jueterbog.

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6. [redacted] motor vehicles were seen in traffic between Altes and Neues Lager:

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7. From 9 to 12 February and from 16 to 20 February, the training grounds Forst Zinna was placed off limits. Troops engaged in firing practice with heavy weapons daily. Firing with rocket launchers was held on 9, 17 and 19 February. About 70 soldiers practiced firing with two rocket launchers along the northeastern border of the training grounds on 9 February. The same day, four AT guns which had come from the direction of Luckenwalde were emplaced in the same area. Sixty soldiers were seen nearby. On 8 and 9 February, 15 trucks with 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 2 x 122-mm artillery pieces were seen at the southwestern border of the Adolf Hitler Camp. The troops were quartered in tents.

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On 8 and 9 February, 8 trucks including 6 with artillery pieces of an estimated 35-mm caliber and 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and three large tents were seen at the northwestern end of the Adolf Hitler Camp.

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On 9 February, 25 trucks, 15 x 160-mm mortars, 120 soldiers and 8 small and 2 large tents were seen 1 km southwest of the Adolf Hitler Camp.

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8. On 14 February, troops practiced aiming and loading with twelve 37-mm AA guns in two AAA emplacements at the southwestern border of the Adolf Hitler Camp. Truck [redacted] stood nearby.

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9. From 8 to 22 February, the Adolf Hitler Camp at Forst Zinna was occupied by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. At about 9 a.m. on 13 February, 4 trucks towing AT guns and 6 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns were observed at the northeastern exit of the camp. No training activity was noticed.

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10. On 26 February, the Altes Lager was occupied by about 1,400 to 1,600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Prior to 23 February, the troops were engaged in basic infantry training and practice marches in the billeting area. After 24 February, 20 to 40 soldiers were daily seen marching from the camp toward Treuenbrietzen for firing practice, equipped with rifles and submachine guns. On 25 February, troops engaged in training with 120-mm mortars.

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1. Comment. No changes occurred with the Hq Third Gds Recz Army and the pertaining AAA emplacements of the 62d AAA Div [redacted] The motor vehicles observed belong to units of the army or to the GOCFG.

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2. Comment. The heavy infantry weapons observed indicate that the 47th Gds Mecz Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div is still stationed at Damm Fliegerhorst. The report contains no indications as to the quartering there of the 2497th AAA Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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3. [REDACTED] 25X1

4. Comment. The report fails to confirm the units of the 14th Gds Mecz Div and the 6th Gds Tank Div stationed in Altes Lager. [REDACTED]

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Also, the 199th Light Army Brig carried in Neues Lager cannot be confirmed. The fact that no clear observations were made in this area is presumably due to troop movements which, in connection with field exercises by units of the Third Gds Mecz Army, especially by components of the 14th Gds Mecz Div, were made in the second half of February 1953. [REDACTED]

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5. Comment. [REDACTED] units of the 12th Gds Tank Div were in the northeastern section of the Jueterbog troop training grounds for firing practice between 9 and 20 February, with the troops being quartered in tents. [REDACTED]

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